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The application file now retrieved establishes a new non-final action dated on or about October 3, 2003 on PAIR rejecting all previously-allowed claims.

Refund of the appeal fee in the amount of \$320 is therefore requested (to be credited to Deposit Account 19-2555. A duplicate copy of this application is enclosed).

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